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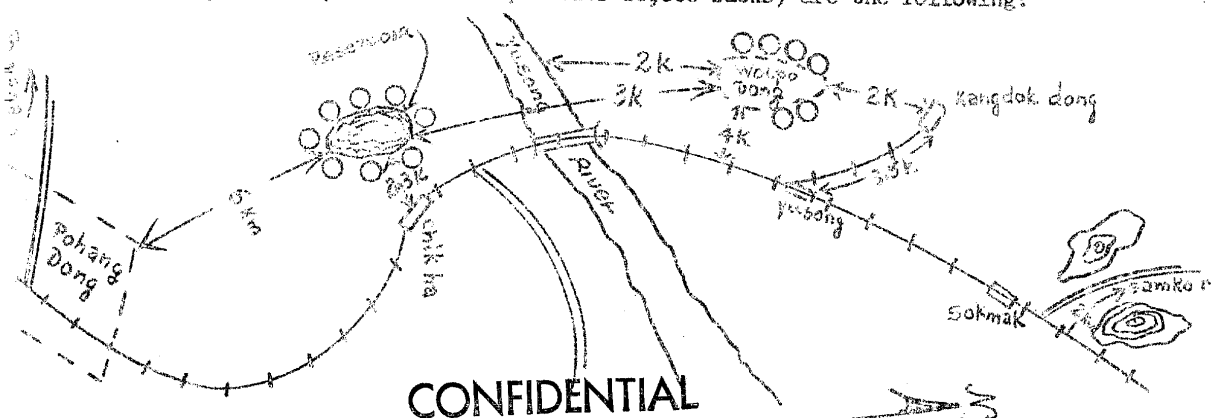
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1. On 2 July 1950, fifteen fighter planes (type unidentified) with the markings of the North Korean Air Force flew over Chongjin (129-49, 41-46) at low altitudes for half an hour. Later in the day, four Soviet pilots were seen shopping in the city. A rumor was current that the planes were Soviet with North Korean markings and that they were en route to the fighting front.
2. Between 1 and 15 July, there were usually ten small Soviet freighters (not identified) and one large freighter in Chongjin.
3. From 3 July, the authorities in Chongjin began storing unrefined rice in various areas around the city in 20,000 sack lots. (Location of storage areas is shown in the accompanying sketch.) Each area was covered with pine branches, which turned red when they died, and the dumps were also marked with wooden signs painted in red. Three districts selected for storage were Wolpo-dong, where approximately 200,000 sacks of rice were deposited; the area near the reservoir and the Yusong River; and Samko-ri. The dried pine branches are probably easily visible from the air.
4. On 30 July, the price of rice per mal in the black market was 750 NK won.
5. Storage areas (each circle represents 20,000 sacks) are the following:



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